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Scott's Lindsay office vandalized

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Lindsay constituency office of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Labour Minister Laurie Scott was vandalized last week, and the reason for the attack was made abundantly clear by the vandal or vandals.

Just after midnight on Wednesday, Oct. 24, someone smashed the front windows of Scott's Lindsay Street office, ransacking the front customer service area. On the side of the building, in black spray paint, was written: "Attack workers. We attack back. \$15."

Earlier that day, Scott, in her capacity as labour minister, had made an announcement that the minimum wage in Ontario would be frozen at \$14 an hour, and that guaranteed paid sick days for workers would be retracted as part of a number of rollbacks by the Ford government to the Wynne government's Bill 148. Under the plan Wynne had laid out, minimum wage in the province would have risen to \$15 an hour in January.

Scott said the vandal, or vandals, had attempted to break into the inner section of the office with a fire extinguisher.

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Creative costumes

Sisters Jordanna and Julia Gennings strike a pose in their festive wear at Minden's annual Halloween party held on Oct. 26 this year. See more photos on page 11.
/SUE TIFFIN Staff

Campbell claims he's being targeted by MH

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Defeated Minden Hills mayoral candidate Jarrett Campbell claims he's being targeted by the township and incumbent Mayor Brent Devolin, a claim that Devolin steadfastly refutes.

Back in May, Campbell had made a presentation to council regarding a complaint about the property on St. Germaine Street

where he's operated a trucking business for about the past decade.

"I've had a complaint brought to me, that I'm supposed to move all the trucks and trailers off of my property," Campbell said during the May 31 meeting. Campbell runs the business from a commercially-zoned property on St. Germaine Street, near its intersection with Water Street. At the time, he noted a number of other properties in the township have trucks, trailers and shipping containers located on them.

"It seems to me, that I'm the one taking the

brunt of this, and all I'm trying to do is make a living," Campbell told councillors.

"You've stated your case," Devolin said during the May meeting. "I would say, conceptually, that over time, as we go through an official plan amendment and downtown revitalization, that a trucking hub, which is basically what it is becoming, is probably not in our longterm plan."

"We'll have a report back to us, about the technicalities of zoning ... I understand clearly what you have said to us today, we're in an

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Vandals leave message on wall

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“By then, the alarms had gone off,” she said, emphasizing that the perpetrators had not entered the inner sanctum of the office, and therefore had no access to computers or files.

“The police alerted the girls [who work in] the office, then I spoke to everyone in the morning,” Scott told the *Times*. “I’m very upset this occurred, especially trespassing in the office.”

“I feel it was threatening and intimidating to them [staff], and trying to intimidate them,” Scott said, saying she would not tolerate bullying of her staff members, and that the police were continuing to gather information as they pursue their investigation.

In the wake of the incident, there were some implications from the PCs that the attack was the doing of labour groups, some of whom had given fiery press conferences in response to the government announcement earlier that day.

Scott was asked if she believed the crime was carried out by members of an organized labour group, rather than simply a disgruntled Lindsay resident or residents.

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intimidating to them [staff], and trying
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— MPP LAURIE SCOTT
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“It’s hard to know what to say,” she said, adding she didn’t know who did it. “There’s obviously a connection [to the minimum wage freeze]. There’s definitely a tie-in.”

“Everyone’s been very good, including the unions,” Scott said, explaining she’s received a number of correspondences and that a number of unions had decried the act.

“We can have debate and peaceful protests,” Scott said, adding she understood there was going to be protest.

Of the minimum wage freeze, she noted it had been made clear by the PCs during the election campaign that they intended not to proceed with the increase to \$15 an hour. It will stay at \$14 per hour for nearly three years. The additional \$1 an hour means minimum wage workers would have made an additional \$2,000 or so per year.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has said that as a result of Bill 148, “endless companies” have taken their business south of the border. During a press conference following last week’s announcement, Scott was asked if she could name a company that had closed or moved to States as a result of the bill. She passed the question to Economic Development Minister Jim Wilson, who could not.

The *Times* asked Scott if she could name a business in either Haliburton County or the City of Kawartha Lakes that had closed as a result of Bill 148, known as the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act.

Scott referenced the fact that Baked and Battered in Haliburton Village had closed its doors during the last winter season as a result of the changes.

“I know businesses that have laid off workers,” she said.

“I’ve had businesses close up in Lindsay,” Scott said, but said she could not give specific names due to privacy concerns.

Scott said in the big picture, it’s a competitive world, and Ontario needs to do its best to retain large, international companies with operations located in the province.

“I’ve had a lot of private meetings with businesses,” she said. “We want good-paying jobs, not minimum wage jobs.”

Scott said that a number of small businesses were feeling the pinch of the minimum wage increase, which jumped from \$11.40 an hour in 2017, to \$14 an hour as of January, 2018.

“Small businesses produce our jobs – they have margins,”

she said.

Scott was asked how any of the reforms announced last week would help, say, a person making minimum wage working at a coffee shop.

“You still have jobs to go to, right?” she said.

In addition to the minimum wage freeze, the government is repealing a number of sections from Bill 148. One is a legal requirement for two paid sick days for each worker in Ontario, each year.

The bill had guaranteed workers 10 “personal emergency” days per year, including for injury, illness or other emergencies, and that two of those days had to be paid. The Ford government has reduced 10 emergency days to three sick days, two bereavement days, and three family responsibility days, all unpaid.

Scott stressed these days are guaranteed.

“Your employer can’t fire you,” she said. “Yes, they’re unpaid.”

Scott went on to say the bulk of employers she knows in the riding allow their workers to take sick days, often paid.

“They’re reasonable people,” she said. “They don’t want you to come to work sick. The small businesses in our area, they treat their employees like family.”

The government also made changes to the bill’s equal pay for equal work clause, which basically prohibited employers from paying one employee less than another, if they had the same skills and were performing essentially the same job. There were some exceptions for seniority and performance pay.

“It’s not a gender issue, it’s seniority,” Scott said, stressing that requirements that men and women be paid equally for the same work are still in effect.

“I’ve heard stories in Northern Ontario, where mining companies didn’t hire students [because they would have been required to pay them too highly],” Scott said.

Critics say the move will allow companies to hire cheap labour to do the same jobs as full-time employees, for less pay.

Scott stressed that none of the changes should be overly surprising, since the PCs had opposed Bill 148.

“We voted against 148, we fought against 148,” she said.

Unknowns with health ministry ‘re-alignment’

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Oct. 25 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer told board members that it’s

unclear at this point exactly what changes to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care under the new provincial government will look like, or how exactly those changes might impact HHHS.

“It’s not known yet, it’s too early to tell,” Plummer said.

Her report indicated that the province has announced a “re-alignment” of the organizational structure that, according to a memo from the ministry, “will clarify and simplify lines of accountability” allowing the ministry “to be more nimble and outcome focused.”

According to Plummer’s report, among the changes are aligning acute and emergency services; combining community and mental health and addiction services; and “centralizing the responsibilities for LHIN-managed health services under an associate aligned with key capacity, workforce and planning functions allow for end-to-end management of health services for better outcomes and improved integration.”

“Although it is too early to know what impact this will have on HHHS, our integrated health services organization is well-positioned to align with this new structure,” her report reads.

Dealing with legal pot

Marijuana was legalized across Canada as of Oct. 17, and HHHS will be updating its policies accordingly.

Its facilities and properties are already smoke-free zones, and board chairman Jeff Gollob said that marijuana would be included in the smoking ban, along with cigarettes. Gollob also indicated that the same laws and regulations that apply to alcohol in the workplace would be incorporated into policies.

“We’ll be looking at what other hospitals are doing,” Gollob said.

The Minden and Haliburton HHHS facilities also include long-term care homes Hyland Crest and Highland Wood, respectively.

“There are some particular challenges and issues that need to be addressed with regard to long-term care, recognizing that we are providing a residence for those folks,” Gollob said.

New chief nurse executive

HHHS has hired a new vice president of clinical services and chief nurse executive. Dr. Diane Duff is scheduled to start with the organization Jan. 7. Duff is a registered nurse with the College of Nurses of Ontario and possesses a PhD in nursing from the University of Calgary, with specialization in clinical neuroscience nursing.

“Diane has experience in both clinical and academic settings all over the globe,” a report from Plummer reads. “She has held progressive leadership and management positions in nursing and health sciences, and has worked in both unionized and non-unionized environments and managed large and diverse staff groups across multiple sites. Some of her experience includes working extensively with regulatory, professional, and government leaders; leading accreditation teams; being the lead researcher on a nurse-led tele-homecare project in the East York area of Toronto; and most recently engaging in projects related to assessing standards of practice concerning dementia care.”

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evolution of the downtown of Minden,” said Devolin. “That may not be what you want to hear, but that’s the reality.”

A complaint regarding the property had been filed, and Councillor Jeanne Anthon said she’d received a number of verbal complaints about the property. Township staff can also respond proactively if they see properties that violate township bylaws.

A staff report on the issue never came back to council in open session.

On July 5, the Township of Minden Hills issued a letter to Campbell, or rather to his parents, who own the property where the trucking business is located.

“Please be advised that a site visit has been conducted and it would appear that the above noted property has not been brought into compliance,” the letter reads. Referring to the township’s zoning bylaw, the letter highlights uses that are prohibited in any zone in the township, with “the storage of disused rail cars, streetcars, truck bodies or trailers without wheels,” printed in bold text.

“Accordingly, truck bodies are not a permitted use in the C4 (Village Commercial) Zone and therefore, must be removed or alternatively, apply for zoning,” the letter reads. “Please plan to have the truck bodies removed from the property or apply for a rezoning on or before July 31, 2018. A further site inspection will be conducted shortly after that date to ensure compliance has been met. Should compliance not be met, the file will be forwarded to our legal department.”

On July 27, the last possible day to do so, Campbell filed papers to run against Devolin for the mayor’s seat in the Oct. 22 election.

“Basically, I ... undertook this whole mayor thing, to start with, it was me being angry,” Campbell told the paper, adding he was making a statement with his candidacy.

“When you get told to find a new way to make a living, that kind of sticks it a little hard,” he said.

Devolin reclaimed his seat in the Oct. 22 election with 1,720 votes. Competitor Wayne Hancock was next with 1,375 and Campbell finished third with 662 votes.

The Campbells received a letter from a lawyer with township solicitors Russell, Christie, LLP dated Oct. 17, which Campbell said his mother retrieved from the mail on Oct. 24.

“I have been retained by the Township of Minden Hills to ensure that your property is brought into compliance with the municipality’s zoning bylaw and the municipality’s property standards provisions,” the letter reads, before citing a number of uses taking place on the property that are not permitted under township bylaws. “Unless the subject property is cleaned of all debris within the next seven days, and you immediately cease the operation of your trucking business on the subject property, I have been authorized to commence an injunction in the Superior Court of Justice seeking an injunction and a mandatory order directing you to clear your property of debris.”

“My biggest thing is the timing of this whole thing,” Campbell said, “with the election on the 22nd.”

Campbell told the paper he believed “100 per cent” that Devolin was ultimately responsible for the timing, and said he was prepared to take legal action against the township.

“I have full intention of leaving that stuff right where it’s sitting,” he told the paper.

The *Times* asked Devolin why a staff report had not come back to council, as per the resolution at the May meeting.

“Under the Municipal Act under Section 239(2) ... there’s a grocery list of things that are not discussed in open session,” he said. “So, this is a general comment, not a specific comment, but the reality is if there are things that fall under the scope of Section 239, council will and do receive reports back in closed session.”

Section 239 of the Municipal Act lists several reasons a council may enter an in-camera session, including but not limited to personal matters about an identifiable individual, proposed or pending acquisition of disposition of land, litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals, affecting the board or municipality, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Devolin said what was happening with the property had nothing to do with the election, and that council members are not involved with the processes taking place within the bylaw department, or other township departments.

“I’ve gone to great lengths not to meddle with staff and their duty,” Devolin said.

“Staff brings things to council’s attention along the way, and if they’re acting to uphold bylaw and uses, they bring them to our attention, and it rolls from there,” Devolin said, adding that such letters were sent to violating property owners as matter of course as the township attempts to enforce its bylaws and clean up the village.

“We’re taking an aggressive approach to this, dealing with them one at a time,” Devolin said. “We don’t go out with a list and tell staff the priority and the ranking ... that’s in their jurisdiction.”

“The reality is, this is a letter authored by a lawyer previous to the election,” Devolin said, adding there would have been ongoing discussions between bylaw staff and the law firm during the past number of months.

“This is the type of process we have been rolling out all over the place,” Devolin said.

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First all-women council in Tweed gives context to AH's milestone

by JENN WATT
Editor

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said an article about Canada's first all-women municipal council – elected in 1967 in Tweed, Ont. – shows how far society has come.

The story, written and published by the municipality of Tweed on their blog, Our Backyard Tweed, includes insights from reporting done at the time the historic council was elected.

According to the post, there was some anxiety that having a governing body made up entirely of women would be an indictment of the manliness of the men of Tweed, or would put households in disarray as the women dedicated their minds to the business of the town, not of the home.

A rumour buzzed around town that the council was providing tea and cookies. One councillor was quoted as responding

that she had only brought coffee in a Thermos. They stopped bringing coffee after that.

Nonetheless, the women were confident of their ability to run the town. The reeve said their meetings were shorter, included a written agenda for the first time and included less chatting.

The first line of the story notes that residents of Tweed "hadn't decided whether to be proud or embarrassed about having an all-woman council."

Moffatt said that line demonstrates how far society has come.

"In 1967 it would have been acceptable to think that, which also goes to show how things have changed and have to keep changing; moving forward in hopes of a time when we're all just 'people' who are elected," she said in an email to the *Minden Times*.

Algonquin Highlands and the town of Spanish, Ont., both elected an all-women council on Oct. 22.

Low voter turnout for municipal elections

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Municipal elections took place across Ontario last week and, by and large, voter turnout was low.

According to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, total voter turnout for the Oct. 22 elections was about 40 per cent. During the last 20 years, total voter turnout for the province in municipal elections has alternated between about 40 per cent on the low end and 45 per cent on the high end, according to stats provided by AMO. Voter turnout for the 2010 and 2014 municipal elections was 44.4 per cent and 43.1 per cent, respectively.

A Nanos Research survey completed during the summer indicated that about a third of Ontarians were unaware that municipal elections were even taking place this year.

While there are 444 municipalities in Ontario, there were a total of 417 elections, since some of those municipalities, like Haliburton County, are upper-tier ones, where members of councils are appointed based on the makeup of lower-tier councils. In the county, the mayors and deputy mayors of each of its four lower-tier townships comprise the eight-member Haliburton County council.

In Minden Hills, of 11,392 eligible voters, 3,847 cast ballots, for a total voter turnout of 33.77 per cent. In the mayor's race, incumbent Brent Devolin was re-elected receiving 1,720 votes, or 46 per cent. Competitor Wayne Hancock was next with 1,375 votes, or 37 per cent, and Jarrett Campbell with 662, or 18 per cent of the vote.

Dysart et al had the highest voter turnout in the county, with 6,112 of 13,506 eligible voters casting ballots, for a total turnout of 45.19 per cent. In a highly watched race in the municipality, Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts beat longtime Mayor (previously Reeve) Murray Fearrey 3,445 votes to 2,513, meaning she took 58 per cent of the vote while Fearrey took 42.

The lowest voter turnout in the county was in Algonquin Highlands township, where just 993 of 7,691 eligible voters cast ballots for an overall turnout of just 12.9 per cent. However, it's important to note that three of the township council's five members reclaimed their seats by acclamation. Mayor Carol Moffatt will take her third consecutive term at the head of the table by acclamation, and Ward 2 councillors Liz Danielsen also took their seats by acclamation. So the only elections in the township took place in Ward 1 and Ward 3.

According to AMO, throughout the province, there were a total of 477 acclamations, and 120 of those were for heads of councils; mayors or Reeves.

In Highlands East, voter turnout was 31.59 per cent, with 2,716 of 8,851 eligible voters taking part in the election. Dave Burton reclaimed the mayor's chair with 1,557 votes, or 56 per cent, over the 1,211, or 44 per cent, cast for competitor Cheryl Ellis.

Of all the 6,645 candidates in the province, 28 per cent were incumbents seeking the same position, and four per cent were incumbents running for a different position on council.

Twenty-seven per cent of all candidates were women, up from 24 per cent in the 2014 elections. Algonquin Highlands and Spanish, Ont. both elected all-women councils for the upcoming term.

Nearly 60 per cent of municipal elections were at-large elections, the others using the ward system, which is in effect in the townships of Haliburton County.

World Stroke Day

A small group of stroke survivors and caregivers from the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group along with Minden councillors and fellow citizens gathered at the Minden Hills township office to raise the flag for World Stroke Day, celebrated on Monday, Oct. 29, around the world. /Submitted by Lois Rigney



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‘We attack back’

LAST WEEK, THE Lindsay office of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Labour Minister Laurie Scott was vandalized; windows smashed, the front customer service area ransacked.

While, at least at press time, it’s unknown who was responsible for the attack, there’s little mystery as to its motive.

On the side of the building, in black spray paint, were these words: “Attack workers. We attack back. \$15.”

Just hours before, Scott, in her capacity as labour minister, announced a series of labour law rollbacks, the most prominent among them that, as promised, the Ford government would freeze Ontario’s minimum wage at \$14 per hour, instead of increasing it to \$15, as was the plan under the previous government.

It is horrible and unacceptable that Scott’s office was vandalized, and that should be made abundantly clear. There are ways to peacefully, and legally, protest.

However, the incident stands as a sharp symbol of the frustration many of Scott’s constituents are feeling, and brings to light with violent clarity the difficult and unenviable spot Scott is in. Scott cannot, without appearing hypocritical, purport to represent the interests of the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock while passing the policies of the Ford government. Many of those policies, and the labour changes announced last week are a prime

example, are going to directly and negatively impact the very people she is supposed to represent in Queen’s Park.

Those changes follow the government’s cancellation of the basic income pilot project earlier this year, which affected thousands of people in Lindsay, the flagship community of Scott’s constituency.

As most of us know, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is one of the poorest ridings in the province, and within it, Haliburton County one of the province’s poorest municipalities. The changes announced last week – frozen minimum wage, removal of guaranteed paid sick days, reduced protections for shift workers, etc. – are uniformly negative for workers, and in particular, low-wage

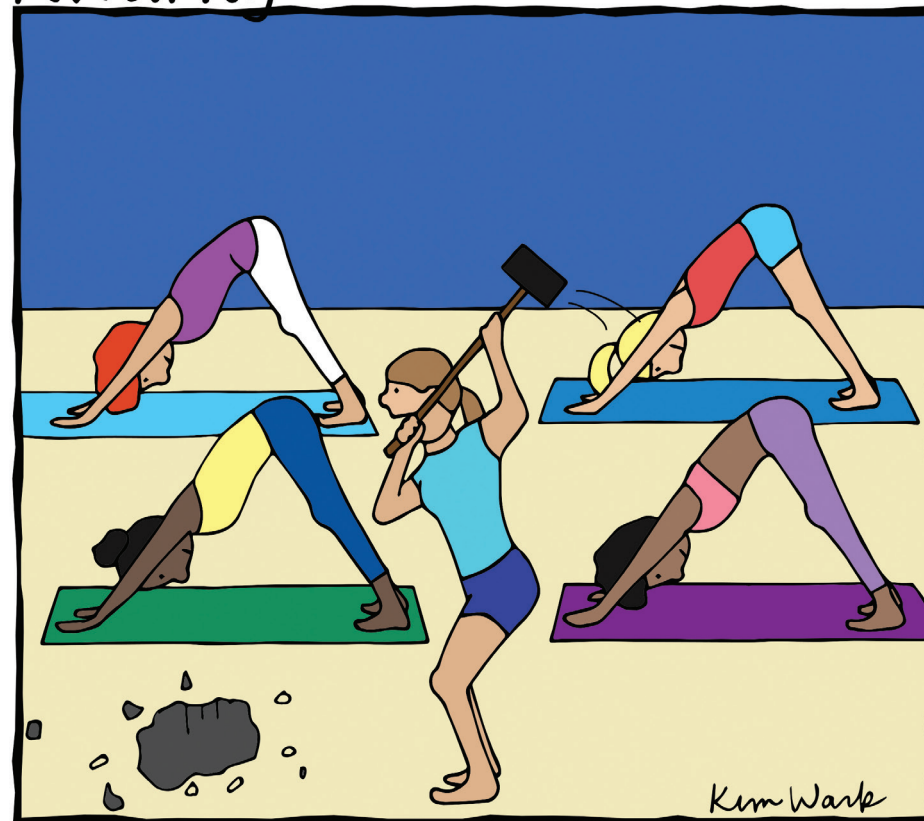
workers. In Scott’s case, that means many of her constituents.

The Ford family – millionaires – are skilled at projecting themselves as working class folk. The Ford government’s constant, Orwellian “for the people” rhetoric is designed to re-iterate this image. However, “the people” Ford is looking out for are business owners and employers, not workers and employees. That should be abundantly clear by now to anyone who is paying attention.

Unfortunately, for Scott, that will likely mean increasingly widespread backlash against her by many of the people she is supposed to represent, as they watch their personal economic circumstances get worse and worse.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky



“Ok, ladies, underground ostrich is next.”

My get rich quick scheme

THE RECENT LEGALIZATION of marijuana here in Canada looks as if it is going to be a boon to all sorts of entrepreneurs. And, frankly, I wouldn’t mind getting in on the action too.

The problem, as I see it, is that almost all of these business opportunities require significant investments, lots of permits, a familiarity with the products, a working knowledge of Bob Marley lyrics, a love of Cheech and Chong movies and the appropriate business licences. Unfortunately, I’m having a hard time remembering the third verse of the Redemption Song.

Worse still, I’m guessing it takes a great deal of work and know-how to set up a marijuana shop. You’d need to find reliable suppliers, a great name other than *High Times* (which has probably been taken five times already) and a good location, preferably four to five miles away from the nearest police station. (Though that’s not really necessary, old habits die hard.)

Fortunately, I have a better idea. I’ll just invest in the related markets.

That’s right, sometime next week, I plan on buying exactly one share of Pepsi-Co., the company that owns Frito-Lay, which is the company that makes Cheetos, which is the preferred food of stoners, I mean marijuana enthusiasts, everywhere. As such it is also the preferred health food of those who use marijuana for purely medical reasons.

See where I’m going here? I’m investing in health care!

If my calculations are correct, I expect this stock will do well due to recent

events and their effect on Cheetos sales. That’s not an uneducated guess either. It’s based on extensive market research, every party I ever went to as a teen, and the advice of three friends who are overjoyed by the legalization efforts of our government.

Trust me. Cheetos stocks are going to go through the roof!

I expect a quick, steady return, with my investment doubling every April 20 and increasing in value every Friday and Saturday night for the next 27 years.

Maybe I’m being overly optimistic but, by 2045, I expect to be a majority shareholder, if not owner, of Pepsi-Co, if Cheetos sales skyrocket like I think they will.

Along the way, I will have diversified into Rice Krispie Square -, brownie- and nacho-based stocks too. I’ll probably also dabble in bean bag chairs, patchouli, and dreadlock-based products.

As you can see, I’ve been paying attention to this market.

If all goes well, I will eventually be able to retire on a Great Lake (probably Superior) that I bought and roam the accompanying shoreline I purchased. I’ll have a platinum plated SUV and be so rich that I’ll have other people bait my hooks – with the expensive worms no less.

Warren Buffett always said the trick to winning in the stock market is to follow two rules. The first is never to lose money and the second is to always remember the first rule.

I could never argue with Mr. Buffett but I also think in this case it probably has something to do with buying low and selling high.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Descent into post-literacy society?

THE 737-800 I AM flying in just broke through 10,000 feet, the height at which the crew turns off the seat belt sign and makes the flight announcements.

"The bad news. . ." says an authoritative and calm voice.

My heart jumps into my mouth. Obviously something catastrophic is about to happen.

An engine has fallen off, or someone forgot to fill the gas tank or we are about to fly into a hurricane.

The voice continues. "The bad news today is that there is no WiFi on this flight."

Moans, groans and the odd swear word drift through the cabin. This is indeed a catastrophe. Without the internet, passengers will be forced to find other ways of filling the time. Perhaps even read a book.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I stand up and stroll the aisle to stretch my legs. There are close to 200 folks on this plane and I observe that maybe three or four are reading a book.

My unofficial impromptu survey fits with what I have been reading about how people spend their leisure time.

Booknet Canada, a non-profit organization that helps the book industry in a variety of ways, has surveys showing that the number of Canadians who read books continues to decline.

An April 2018 BookNet survey shows that reading now ranks fourth as a Canadian leisure time activity. Twenty-one per cent of survey respondents said reading is their favourite way of spending free time. Other ways are time with family 27 per cent, watching TV 26, browsing the Internet 24, watching a movie 18 per cent.

Not surprisingly the situation in the U.S., which is led by a man who does not read, and perhaps doesn't know how to read, is worse.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported recently that the number of Americans who read for pleasure has hit a record low. Only 19 per cent of Americans surveyed said they read for pleasure.

The deeper you dig into U.S. surveys the more shocking the statistics become. Thirty-three per cent of American high school graduates never read another book after leaving high school. Forty-two per cent of college grads never read another book after college. And, 70 per cent of U.S. adults have not been in a bookstore in the last five years.

All this statistical evidence leads some folks, me included, to worry that North American society is becoming a post-literate culture.

The decline in book reading, however, should not be definitive evidence of a decline in literacy. People are reading electronically and there is a tendency to believe that reading from a screen is simply "playing on the computer."

A wealth of good reading is available through computers. There is a question, however, about whether it is as focused, and therefore as thought-provoking, as book reading.

Reading on a computer, whether it be desktop, tablet or smartphone, is subject to regular interruption. Beeps and dings from social media are constant, as are notifications from companies trying to promote or sell something.

The greatest evidence of declining literacy, in my opinion, is found in listening to and reading the comments of people commenting on important subjects.

Much of what you hear today on radio and TV talk shows or read in newspaper and social media comment sections is unintelligent rant. Quick hit polemics from tongues not connected to any form of self discipline or critical thinking.

Years of book reading helps us to develop good thought processes, and to ask questions that will help us be better informed. Reading books also is a pathway into history, which holds innumerable lessons on how communities and societies are shaped.

Recent studies in Norway and Britain have concluded that collective IQs have been getting lower over the last 50 years. Changes in lifestyles, such as changes in education systems, less reading and more video games, were given as possible reasons for the decline.

It is hard to accept that despite all the innovations of the modern era, people generally are becoming dumber by the decade. But there are days, especially after listening to a lot of political discourse, that you shake your head and mumble to yourself about being surrounded by idiots.

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Giving back

The Maple, Beech Cameron Lakes Area Property Association raised \$2,640 and collected more than 400 pounds of food for the Minden Food Hub in their annual Thanksgiving food drive. MBC matched up to \$1,000 of cash donated. They thank those who donated, St. Peter's Church and the local media. From left, Sally Howson, Joanne Barnes, Gayle Upshall, Charlie O'Conner, and Murray Adams. /Photo submitted

Quick ... catch!

I WATCHED THE MOVIE *Patch Adams* last night. The part where Robin Williams, as Patch Adams, gets the kids laughing by using a reflex hammer is priceless. That led me to thinking more about reflexes, and how amazing the human body is.

We are all born with reflexes whether it's the kick reaction when our knee is tapped with a mallet or the blinking of the eyes when a ball is coming at our head. Most of the wiring for this is located in our spinal cord, but some is in the motor centres of our brain. Reflexes mostly protect us from injury, but they do play a role in more complicated movements like walking, standing or riding a bike. Reflexes are part of the complex system of nerves and muscles keeping us stable enough to complete these actions.

When it comes to a dangerous situation, like falling, the reflex centre in the spinal cord sends a signal to our hands and arms to reach out. Almost at the same time (milliseconds later), the motor centres in the brain will contribute to the process by adjusting for the actual circumstances so that we avoid a situation like spilling the hot coffee on the dog.

Reflexes are something that we can improve upon. It's true, some people are born with faster reflexes than others but through

practice we can either speed up our reaction time, or in the case of aging, we can slow its loss. By repeating the same movements we can make them almost automatic. I'm not suggesting that you practice falling down, but keep your body moving in as many directions as you possibly can.

Here are some ideas for you:

- Play catch either with a friend or the wall. Start with something that you can easily catch and then move on to something smaller and lighter. The ultimate goal would be a ping pong ball.
- Put on your favourite music and dance!
- Step into the shower with the opposite foot than you usually use.
- Stand on one foot when

you're brushing your teeth.

Always look for ways to change up your routine. The smallest adjustment to movements will keep many more of your nerve fibres firing, and that will help to ensure they're ready to work when you need them to. Healthy nerves and strong muscles are the perfect combination for keeping you moving in the direction that you want to move in.

Something to think about.

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LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

Gentle yoga offered Mondays in Dorset

DORSET NEWS

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The Dorset Community Remembrance Day Service is being held in the Parkette on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments to follow at Knox United Church on Harvey Avenue (next to the post office). All are welcome to attend.

Join Ardith Symmes for Gentle Yoga on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants should bring their own mat (if they have one), a towel and wear comfortable clothing. These classes are designed to work on improving balance and maintaining

mobility, with the focus on the breath, body awareness, flexibility, and stress reduction. Yoga poses will take you from the floor, to hands and knees and standing positions. The cost is \$10 per person or pay what you can. All levels welcome. For more information, contact Ardith at 705-766-0686.

Remember if you're walking in the bush this fall to wear hunter orange, as hunting season is not over yet. Whether you hunt or not, it's always a good idea to be prepared and dress accordingly when you're out for a walk.

As of Oct. 16 the Dorset Landfill has switched to their winter hours. Make sure you visit algonquinhighlands.ca for hours or look at your dump card.

Happy birthday Gina Baum and Jackie Timbers. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.



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• — **MINDEN** — •

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10am - 6pm

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Meet Santa afterwards at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Don't forget to bring your letter to Santa! Free hot chocolate!

PLEASE REMEMBER BOBCAYGEON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AT 11AM.
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.

Christmas Artisan Market
Sunday November 25th 11am-4pm

SG Nesbitt Community Centre Parkside Street

Buy local, handmade products (quilts, felted items, wood products, pottery, jewelry and more) from over 40 artisans.

Lunch options are provided by Irondale Church.

Admission is free



Minden Cat Angels save lives, talk solutions

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The first thing you see when you drive up the steep hill to Don Kerr's 100-acre property is not the cats. It's more likely the party of bright blue jays, flocking around the food he has scattered for them. Or the rafts of turkeys, going about their business. Or the pigeons, roosting on the roof, overlooking it all. If you're at the house for a meeting with fellow Minden Cat Angels volunteers, you might even have your attention drawn from the cats in their spacious shelter Kerr has built with care, to the deer that gather outside the window while you meet.

"This is my forever home," says Kerr, of the farmland he bought after selling his place on Kushog Lake. "But as far as I'm concerned, it's a nature park, and I love it."

The cats – all rescued from abandonment or homelessness on the downtown streets of Minden – clearly love it, too. Visitors aren't likely to see all 18 cats currently being housed in the shelter together, with some preferring to lounge away from others, and some finding more private spaces to nap in the rooms of the 110 square foot structures. Some are camped out in blankets near scratching posts, or curled together in pet beds. A few sit and watch as people get near them while others make use of the enclosed skywalk Kerr, who taught metalworks out west, designed for them to be active and move from shelter to shelter in safety. Six cats – a mom and five kittens – are being fostered off the property.

Kerr denies he sold the lakefront house for the otherwise neglected animals, but does acknowledge it gave him the capital to do what he wants to do "out here."

It was four years ago that he started helping care for the feral cats in Minden, much like he had done when he lived out-of-province, or when he was helping with a cat rescue in Wilberforce several years ago. He converted the old hen house on his property into the first shelter, and gave the strays a heavily insulated home. Last fall, he added what the Minden Cat Angels volunteers call the condo section.

"My heart's with all animals, but I have a special place in my heart for cats," he said.

When he got involved, there were about 25 cats or so in downtown Minden that

were gathered in two colonies in Minden – one behind Stedmans V&S on Bobcaygeon Road, and the other in the lot beside Dollo's Foodland, next to the highway. They were being fed by another Minden resident and Kerr wanted to help.

"Winter conditions, when it's 25 below, cats aren't built to take that," he said. "It's very hard conditions for them."

Minden Cat Angels, the cat rescue group, formed. About five or six volunteers now put a few hours in at the shelter each week, helping to feed, care for and socialize the cats.

Anne Hodgson has been volunteering for about three years. She and her husband Andrew own the Century 21 building on IGA Road, near where one colony was living.

"We see the feral cats, and it's just sad," she said. "I'm an animal lover, too."

As Kerr and Hodgson are showing the shelter, another volunteer, Monica Hamilton Elliott, arrives with styrofoam plates she has seen at the grocery store that she knew would be helpful for feeding time at the shelter. She's been volunteering with Minden Cat Angels for about half a year, though she has strict instructions from her husband to not bring any cats home.

"Coming here, it gets me a bit of a fix," she said.

Since opening, Minden Cat Angels has taken in 62 cats.

"We've had some beautiful adoptions," said Kerr.

Two were adopted by people in Toronto who later sent pictures of the strays-turned-pets living a good life. Another adoption resulted in a Christmas story that Kerr likes to tell.

"A lady phoned me up from downtown Minden, that there was a cat they'd been feeding for a couple of weeks, and it was meowing in distress," said Kerr. "It was going down to minus 25 that night. So she wanted to know if she could bring it up, even though we're full, and we said, 'sure, we can.' It had quite a bad injury, it had been attacked by another animal or something. So we took it in."

After posting a photo of the orange cat, named Julian, to the rescue group's Facebook page, a couple quickly took to him.

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Monica Hamilton Elliott, a newer volunteer with Minden's Cat Angels, has been learning the names and personalities of almost 20 cats taking shelter with the cat rescue group. "It's critical," she said of the shelter. "It's absolutely critical." /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Volunteers put in hours each week

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"It was an instant bond," said Kerr. "The cat actually came out of the cage, got in the guy's arms and just purred. When they got the carrier out, the cat actually walked into the carrier. None of my cats would do that."

"It's quite a process, actually," laughed Hodgson.

"It was our amazing Christmas story and we've had other stories like that," said Kerr. "Cats ... know."

Minden Cat Angels will also adopt cats to people looking for barn cats, but only if the animals will be supplemented with food and provided a warm shelter over the winter. The volunteers are very particular about who is able to adopt and insist the cats go to a good home.

"As of a year and a half ago, we'd basically cleaned all of the cats out of downtown Minden," said Kerr.

But, now the shelter has reached its limit, and Hodgson said that Paulmac's Pets has taken in about 66 kittens in the past year. On the day they spoke to the *Times* in September, the Minden Cat Angels volunteers said they had received calls about seven cats in the past two days alone.

"Our biggest problem now is people dumping cats and irresponsible people abandoning cats," said Kerr, his kind and gentle nature clearly shaken by the wanton act. "The sad thing is, four of these cats are [from] tenants that have been evicted, and they're leaving their cats behind ... The landlords called up, 'I've evicted this tenant, there are two cats left behind, can you take them?'"

"Pumpkin has some allergies and health issues," said Hodgson. "He was left behind with a cat and two other dogs in the house. The SPCA took the dogs. I don't know what happened to the other cat."

Minden Cat Angels works closely with Paulmac's, which can take in kittens but not adult cats, as kittens are popular and quicker to find homes. Boxes taped closed have been left at Paulmac's, next to a nearby dumpster, and two cats were abandoned at the Scotch Line dump.

"They were clearly pets because you could just pick them up," said Hodgson. "They were so friendly."

"So we have two major problems," said Kerr. "One is people dumping cats and kittens. And the other is owners abandoning their pets. People should realize when they take a cat in, it should be a lifetime obligation."

"People don't spay or neuter their cats, and then they dump them," said Hodgson.

She cites the spay/neuter program offered in Highlands East, in which homeless and feral cats are prevented from reproducing.

"They're paying for that, and we would love it if Minden Hills would look at that down the line, too," said Hodgson. "That would be really helpful for us, and I think we could help get things under control."

"What we're pushing for on top of that is to get some sort of, in the future, low-cost spay and neutering set up for low income families," said Kerr. "The problem is, there are families in Minden, they can't afford to get the cats spayed or neutered. The cats have kittens, and what do they do with them?"

"It's a critical issue in this area," said Hamilton Elliott. "It's really necessary. We are all obviously animal people and we're just absolutely beyond appalled. I'm horrified to think of people who just dump animals when they're no longer needed or convenient or whatever."

Kerr said in many cities across the country, a trap-neuter-return program is in place.

"It's a lot easier than running a shelter," he said. "When there's a colony of cats, they



A handful of devoted volunteers like Anne Hodgson, left, and Monica Hamilton Elliott, right, help rescue Minden's abandoned and feral cat population, but are quick to point out the dedication of Don Kerr, middle, for his efforts in providing shelter for the animals.

trap all the cats in the colony, bring them in for a couple of days, get them all spayed or neutered and then put them back in the same colony. They have people who continue feeding the colony. So at least the colony isn't getting bigger. That would actually be an easier option for us, rather than bringing cats up to a shelter and trying to find homes for them."

One female cat, given two years, can multiply to 250 cats, according to Kerr.

"The kittens are ready to have new ones at nine or 10 months," he said. "It can escalate that fast. That's why the spay and neuter is so important. If they aren't spayed and neutered, it just goes out of control."

Kerr said the township of Minden Hills has been "very good" to the Minden Cat Angels, offering a one-time grant of \$3,000 after Kerr made a delegation to council about the situation in 2015.

Hamilton Elliott, who pauses to pick a piece of catnip that she offers to Callie, watching from the skywalk, said the cat shelter being run by Kerr and his volunteers is so needed.

"We come from Toronto and of course they have a really extensive and fairly decent animal shelter system there for animals, but up here, there's nowhere," she said. "If you find a stray animal, there's kind of nowhere for it to go."

"My policy is to give them the best possible home they can have while they're with us," said Kerr. "We're not trying to give them permanent homes. We want to move them out. Because for our program to keep going, we have to move cats, and we're almost maxed out."

After a gentle look from Hodgson, he admits: "Well, we are maxed out right now."

When there is a space for additional cats, it's filled within a day or two.

Kerr is humble when, throughout the conversation, Hodgson and Hamilton Elliott laud his giving nature and formidable efforts – in time, in donating, in rescuing – to help.

Hodgson said she gets emails from him at 1:30 in the morning when he's just finished in the shelter, but Kerr waves her away, saying nonchalantly, "it's an hour and a half to two hours a day on my part to feed them."

"The only thing I've covered is the initial cost of the buildings," he said. "Maintaining the shelter, and food and that, people have been very generous to us."

He repeatedly acknowledges the support of Paulmac's and PetTyme, community mem-



Above, cats at the shelter can be adopted as pets or barn cats by approved applicants after an interview process and small donation to the volunteer rescue organization. Below, the shelter is currently housing about 20 cats who have been rescued from the downtown streets of Minden, or from abandonment.



bers who donate time as volunteers and also food and wood pellets used as litter, and the Minden Animal Hospital vet for helping the rescue operation run smoothly.

"All of our cats get along," said Kerr. "We've never had a fight or even a hiss or quarrel with any of our cats."

"I don't know why that is," said Hodgson, then laughing: "It's Don. It's got to be Don."

"When they come in, it's not their territory, but they're accepted," he said. "We all get along OK. I like to think that this is sort of a sanctuary up here. Not just for cats."

He does admit to bringing two of the cats

from the shelter into his own home, where he has reached his limit of five cats, but stresses that he isn't cat-obsessed, and is involved in numerous other hobbies and community efforts. The Minden Cat Angels, which has applied for charitable status, is just where he focuses much of his efforts.

"It's one of the things I feel I can do to help out," said Kerr. "We do it for the cats."

For more information, to help by volunteering a few hours a week, or to adopt a cat, visit Minden Cat Angels on Facebook or phone Don at 705-457-6923.

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Tournament players rally for Smith at ball diamonds

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

As Craig Smith sits under the pavilion at the Minden baseball diamonds, surrounded by tournaments being played in part to raise funds for him during his recovery from a construction accident in August, he is inundated with help from his friends, family and community to ensure his comfort.

Does he want tea? A blanket? A different blanket? A portable heater faced in his direction? A shoulder massage?

He patiently declines most of the kindhearted support, comfortable to watch the games going on and be there to offer assistance to those who are organizing the tournament instead of him this year.

"Last year we ran a fundraiser on the first of October," he said. "We ran a ball tournament and raised over 10 grand for a person. This year we were going to do it again for somebody else. [It ended up being for me.] Next year it'll be for somebody else."

Craig is used to being one half of the team, alongside his wife Tammy, who quickly jump into action to help community members through whatever challenges might face them.

This time, he's the one being supported, after he lost his balance, fell from a window, rolled down a roof and hit the ground about 20 feet below on Aug. 22. He was airlifted from Minden hospital to Sunnybrook with a broken pelvis, three broken vertebrae in his back, a hole in his bladder and internal bleeding alongside other minor injuries.

"I'm doing OK, I guess," he said. "Day by day. It's good to be out here for sure."

At home, Craig is still organizing minor hockey tournaments as he recovers, with his mom visiting in the morning and his mother-in-law visiting in the afternoon while his son, Owen, visits between classes to keep him company throughout the day.

"It feels good to get my mind off of stuff," he said.

He's also kept busy at therapy in Haliburton, twice a week. He said he's been able to start bearing weight on his legs more.

"They said I should be walking by Christmas, that's my goal," he said. "I'm going to beat that probably, right? I'm definitely going to be way ahead of that."

Finding shortfalls in accessibility has been frustrating to Craig, who is using a smaller wheelchair to be able to move more easily in



Craig Smith as Superman with his wife Tammy wrapped in bubble wrap is feeling determined to be on his feet again before Christmas.

his house.

"Some days it's pretty rough, but I'm getting through it," he said. "I'm going to be 100 per cent."

Craig thanked Cheryl and Mike Hamilton for organizing the baseball tournaments and making sure everything went well, as well as Elaine and Howard Smith, Larry and Donelda Smith, Brian and Celina Smith, Gary and Jackie Smith, Kirk Smith and Heather McKelvey, Brian Burke and others that helped at the barbecue. He thanked Mary McKelvey and Linda Schrader for arranging a huge baked goods table at the tournament, as well as all those who helped fill it. Freda Cox he thanked for behind-the-scenes work, and also all ball players – 21 teams came out to play in the cold October weather – and umpires, and everyone who donated.

In total, the tournaments raised more than \$9,000 for the Smith family.



Linda Schrader and Mary McKelvey organized a huge assortment of baked goods, donated by community members to be sold the day of the tournament.



Spook-tacular celebration

Top, true to form, the Moshenko family, featured in the Oct. 11 issue of the *Times*, won first prize for best family/group costume at Minden's annual Halloween party held on Oct. 26 this year. The family, dressed here as Teen Titans, makes their costumes by hand and has won first place prizes six years in a row now. Right, Minden's Halloween party offered free activities as part of celebrations on Oct. 26 including cookie decorating, picture colouring, and marshmallow-and-spaghetti tower building. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Left, Adam and Cassie Thorn alongside kids Hayden and Fallon, won an honourable mention prize in the costume party for their steampunk-themed costumes. If there was a prize for dancing, Hayden would have won that, too. Top, The Incredibles were in Minden last Friday night, joining about 200 other guests who brought their costume-best to the town's annual Halloween party.

LIDAR mapping process begins

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will undertake the LIDAR mapping process, which will lay the groundwork for modernized flood mapping and planning in the municipality.

LIDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging, uses a laser-based system to produce extremely detailed topographical images. The county was successful in its application to the National Disaster Mitigation Fund, which will fund half of the project's total \$360,000 cost.

The capturing of imagery and provision of data will be provided by company Airborne Imaging. The imagery is collected by airplane. The cost for that portion of the project is approximately \$125,000, plus taxes.

"They apparently need four straight days of clear weather for them to fly the total area included in the proposal," county planning director Charley White told councillors during an Oct. 24 meeting. The flights were to take place during the next week or two.

"The data will be processed during the winter and provided to us, as per their schedule, by the end of March," White said.

"I'm really thrilled with this whole process," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, "and it's been a long time coming and historically, there's been an awful lot of groups that have come together, citizen-run groups trying to affect some sort of change, so we can better plan or prepare for what happens, and it's getting worse with changing weather patterns."

There was severe flooding in the county in the springs of 2013 and 2017, with the Township of Minden Hills declaring a state of emergency in both of those years, as the Gull River surged its banks, covering part of the village of Minden.

"It's just good news, and I'm really proud to be involved in it," Moffatt said.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said a number of projects in Minden, including flood mitigation and downtown revitalization, were contingent about the completion of LIDAR mapping.

"This the foundational piece, so I could not be more excited," Devolin said.

The planes are to fly at a height of just 1,000 metres in order to attain the imagery.

"1,000 metres is fairly low and we know when they're coming," said Moffatt, indicating the county should use its various communication channels to indicate to residents when the planes were coming, and what they would be doing.

"We'll let people know, because you will see the planes, very low overhead," White said. "It's a good thing, though."

The project is to include a survey of the Burnt and lower Gull River watersheds using LIDAR airborne survey technology and a field survey of the lower portion of the Gull River to obtain channel elevations, an inventory of bridges and culverts, as well as ground elevations.

Hydraulic and hydrologic models will then be completed using the data, and those models will be used to create flood plain mapping for the lower portion of the Gull River. It will also be used to determine the regulatory flood line for the system, and that flood line will be used to update the county's flood plain mapping, as well as local building/planning and emergency services plans.



Surplus Equipment for Sale

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is auctioning the following pieces of equipment through

<https://www.govdeals.com/algonquinhighlandson>

- 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab Std. Box 4WD with 8' Meyer's snow plow.
- 2008 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT Ext. Cab Std. Box 4WD.
- Towable Hatz Diesel generator.

Online bidding begins on Tuesday, November 1. Bidding will close on Thursday, November 15.

Please refer to website above for a complete listing, photos, conditions of sale and the opportunity to bid.

For further information contact:
Adam Thorn, Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
705-489-2379



Carving out a good time

Hyland Crest residents and volunteers cut, scooped, scraped, and carved pumpkins into jack o'lanterns on Oct. 26, in advance of Halloween Day. The long-term care facility hosts parades of costumed children during the day, and distributes candy to trick or treaters at night on Oct.31. Last year, 200 candies or chocolate bars were distributed, and this year 300 supplies are ready for little ghouls and goblins. From left, Mickey Bonham, volunteer, Bill Giddins, volunteer, Ina Hobbs, resident, Nancy Sanford, activity aide, Diane Pratt, resident and Pat Bradley, volunteer pose with the fruits of their labour. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Ina Hobbs smiles as she carves along the line of a cat stencil on a pumpkin in preparation for Halloween Day.



Diane Pratt carves into a pumpkin steadied by Bill Giddins, Hyland Crest volunteer, on Oct. 26.

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New hospitality association hopes to attract people to the industry

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Bonnie View Inn’s chef Jay Picard is looking to draw more people to an industry near and dear to his heart with the launch a Haliburton County and Area Hospitality Industry Association.

Picard, a certified red chef (Red Seal Interprovincial Program) with 38 years of work experience, is passionate about the food and hospitality industry. He is hoping with regular meetings held around the county the newly launched Hospitality Industry Association can bring an opportunity for current and potential employees to come together to share ideas, ask questions and find resolutions.

A key element behind these gatherings is to draw new people to the industry.

“I’m hoping through networking we can try and solve the problem. One big issue, which I don’t know we can overcome (probably can’t) is housing – lack of housing. It’s very difficult for people to find apartments, but originally my idea was to just get together with my peers. There is a natural attraction to talking with other chefs, others in the industry. I started thinking food suppliers might be interested in coming,” he said.

He adds even bank representatives were interested in the idea when they heard about it so really anyone is welcome to come.

Meetings will be held during the “slow season” from November to April and be

suspended during the busy summer months. The first meeting is being held at the Bonnie View Inn on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

“It’s all-encompassing. Anyone in the industry is more than welcome,” he said.

Cost for dinner is \$30 inclusive and the event also includes a cash bar. Beer tasting will be provided by Boshkung Brewing Co. Rooms at the inn will be available at a reduced rate. Picard invites anyone interested to RSVP by Nov. 11. Call the reservation line at the inn 705-457-2350. Those unable to attend the dinner are welcome to come and network close to 7 p.m.

Picard started in the food industry when he was 13, cooking chickens at the Dixie Lee Chicken restaurant in Haliburton owned by Ken Fielding. His close to four decades of work included experience at the Pinestone Resort, starting with an apprenticeship where he was inspired by chef John Mitchell in the late 1980s.

With Mitchell’s encouragement, Picard attended Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School (after studying at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Grade 9 and 10) for its food technology course taught by John Hudswell. He graduated from George Brown College with a diploma in culinary arts in 1989. He then worked as a chef at Deerhurst Resort and was also the executive chef at Killarney Lodge in Algonquin Park.

After close to five years out of the industry, he returned when introduced to Bonnie View Inn’s Andrea Hagarty.



Bonnie View Inn's chef Jay Picard loves the Highlands and wants to draw more people to the hospitality industry. Picard is launching a Haliburton County based Hospitality Industry Association, which will have regular meetings for socialization and discussion regarding area issues. The first meeting is Nov. 14 at the Bonnie View Inn./DARREN LUM Staff

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Answers on page 22

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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PLRA2017080

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PROPOSAL: The proposal consists of four unique branches totaling approximately 7.1km of trails and may be described in general terms as being:

1. The unopened road allowance between Lots 5 & 6 of Anson between Fleming Road and Scotch Line Road (~0.4km).
2. The unopened road allowance between Concession 'A' and Lot 1 of Minden between Scotch Line Road and Plantation Road (~4km).
3. The unopened road allowance between Concession 8 and 9 of Minden between Plantation Road and Twelve Mile Lake Road (~2.3km).
4. The unopened road allowance between Concession 12 and 13 of Snowdon between the Hydro Corridor and Kendrick Creek Lane (~0.4km).

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLRA2017080
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this proposal is available online at www.mindenhills.ca. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

ANY PERSON MAY ATTEND the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposal.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned. We cannot guarantee the exact time the application will be considered by Council as the time varies depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each application brought forward.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2018
Ian Clendening, MPI., Planner
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

MINOR HOCKEY

Novice LL

On Saturday, Oct. 27 the Dewayen Simms Construction LL Novice 2 took on the Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting LL Novice 1 Team.

The Dewayen Simms Construction team took an early lead on an unassisted goal by McCartney Saunders but, the lead was short lived when Brightwoods answered back a minute later on a goal by Cruz Neave. Mason Latanville beat Brightwoods goalie Carter Knapton late in the first giving the Dewayen Simms Construction team a 2-1 lead going into the second.

The second period was an eventful one as the Brightwoods team took the lead on two quick goals by Gideon Borgdorff and Brody Hartwig. Not to be outdone, the Dewayen Simms Construction team battled back with two tallies of their own by Saunders to take back the lead. With two minutes left in the second, Brightwoods put the pressure on with a pass from Hunter Hamilton to Brody Hartwig for his second goal of the game and to tie the game going into the third period.

The start of the third was back and forth action. The Dewayen Simms Construction team struck first with two more goals by McCartney Saunders. Mason Latanville and Lyla Degeer assisting on the first and Mason Latanville and Gabriel Loney drawing the assists on the second. The action didn't end there as both teams turned up the pass and with that, Brightwoods' goalie Carter Knapton and Dewayen Simms Construction's goalie Landyn Simms did the same, making save after save. In the final seconds of the game Brightwoods stormed back with Brody Hartwig's hat trick goal he drew Brightwoods within one. With 26 seconds left and goalie pulled, Brightwoods fought forward to try to tie the game but fell just short in this hard-fought battle between the Storm teams. Final score was 6-5 for Dewayen Simms Construction.

By Cory Simms

Peewee LL

On Saturday, Oct. 27 the Peewee LL Home Hardware team travelled to Gravenhurst to take on the Muskoka Bears. The Bears came out strong and scored the only goal during the first period of the game. They fought back when Wyatt Raposo tied up the game with an unassisted goal. The third period was action packed with Storm pulling ahead with a goal at 13 minute mark by Alex Hendry assisted by Cayden Russell and Adam Davis. The Bears were not giving up and retaliated tying the game. Nathan Harrison took control, scored an unassisted goal giving Storm a 3-2 lead. The Storm continued to battle and Emery Bagshaw scored her first goal in a Storm jersey assisted by Davis and Hendry.

The Bears kept up the pressure with another goal at two-minute mark. Harrison scored another beauty with one minute left in the game assisted by Russell and Raposo giving Storm the win 5-3. The next game will be Saturday Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. in Minden where they taken on the Almaguin Ice Devils.

By Marita Bagshaw

Novice

The Haliburton Timber Mart and Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice Rep team travelled to Parry Sound on Sunday afternoon for a match against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Isaac Trotter led the scoring by deking out three Shamrock players then placing the puck in the net. Matt Scheffee played a strong game and scored the second goal for the Storm with a quick pass just off the face-off. With only 15 seconds left in the second period, Parry Sound got one in the net. In the third, Ethan DeCarlo continued to make great passes up to the forward line. Henry Neilson fired the third goal in for the Storm, for a Storm 3-1 win. Good luck to the team next weekend as they play two games against the Almaguin Ice Devils on Saturday and face the Mariposa Lightning on Sunday.

By Sara Gruppe

Peewee

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's hosted the Matt Duchene Peewee Rep Tournament in Minden on Oct. 27. The Storm played the first game of the tournament versus the North Bay Trappers. The two teams were evenly matched, but Storm's Addison St Cyr scored the first goal late in the first. The second period was again back and forth. North Bay scored and the Storm answer with a beauty top shelf goal by Mak Prentice. The third period was all North Bay. They scored two back-to-back goals making it 3-2, but with a minute left St Cyr scored and tying the game for a 3-3 final.

The Peewee A's second tournament game was versus the Pembroke Kings.

This game was a game of a lot of chances and great saves. Addison St Cyr scored the first goal with 45 seconds left of the first on a power play. Then he scored another goal early in the second on another power play and the third and final goal was scored by Austin Boylan with one minute left on a power play. The final score was 3-0 win for the Storm.

The Peewee A's faced the Stayner Cyclones for their third and final game.

The game started with a goal by Austin Boylan but Stayner answered with two goals. The second period Addison St Cyr scored the tying goal and it was a 2-2 hockey game go-

ing into the third. The game stayed tied up until the last minute and then Stayner scored two goals. Winning the game and knocking the Highland Storm out of the finals. The next upcoming games for The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's is on Nov. 10 at 4:30 in Parry Sound versus the Shamrocks.

By Amber Card

Bantam

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Bantam team had a busy weekend.

Starting off Friday night the Storm faced the Orono Leafs at home winning 7-1. Goals were scored by Dylan Keefer (2), Kyan Hall, Mathias Lee, Ryan Rupnow, Jackson Wilson and Nick Phippen.

Excellent goaltending by Darian Maddock. Saturday, the Storm hit the road and headed to Astorville to play the East Ferris Vipers. At the end of the first period the Storm were leading 3-2 with goals scored by Dylan Keefer, Nick Phippen and Matthew Wilson with his first goal of the season. The second period passed with no goals for either side. The Vipers tied the game up halfway through the third period. With five minutes left in the game Evan Armstrong scored making it 4-3, then with a minute left in play Dylan Keefer passed the puck to Jackson Wilson who took it alongside the net to pass back out front to Dylan Keefer who scored making the final score 5-3 Storm. On Sunday the Storm travelled to play the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Goals were scored by Dylan Keefer with two and Gage Hutchison. Assists by Ryan Rupnow, Kyan Hall and Evan Armstrong. The Storm had a hard time containing the Shamrocks' offence with their home crowd behind them. The Storm were unable to finish off the weekend with a win. Next game is Thursday, Nov. 1 in Little Britain to face the Mariposa Lightning.

By Jessica LLOYD

Midget

The Highland Storm Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team travelled to Powassan Oct. 28 and met with the Hawks. It was a fast paced, aggressive game that ended 4-4. Both teams came out strong in the scoreless first period. The Storm team pressed hard offensively, however it was the Hawks that got the first goal in the second. Minutes later the Storm answered back, Davies made a quick pass to Robinson, who was in front of the Hawks' net and he deked out the goalie for the tying goal. Shortly after, a defensive error led to a giveaway goal, making it 2-1 for the Hawks. The Storm took

advantage of a four-minute power play and took the lead. Haedicke controlled the puck behind the net, then fed Gilbert the perfect pass to find the opening for the tying goal.

With the Storm still dominating the power play, Walker took a shot from the point and Davies deflected it in, the Storm took the lead 3-2. Late in the second, the Storm team pressed on, Robinson stole the puck and quickly chipped it in and grabbed a two-goal lead. The Hawks' turn came with a five-on-three power play and they took full advantage of it and tied the game. The last minutes of the third period was action filled and entertaining. Both teams aggressively trying to score. The Storm had a extra man advantage with seconds left, however the Midgets returned home with a 4-4 tie. On Nov. 2 the Midgets will be travelling to Millbrook to take on the Stars.

Atom LL 2

On Saturday, Oct. 28 the TD Atom LL 2 travelled to Gravenhurst to take on the Parry Sound Marshall Black Atoms. During the first period Zach Lowe kept the scoring to a minimum with some amazing saves. Parry Sound kept the pressure on throughout the game. By the third period the team started to come together and Ayden Chapman chipped the puck after a hard battle in the corner to pass it up to Eric Bird who skated fast up the boards taking a shot on net which was stopped by the goalie but using his quick reflexes Kamauhl Casey-Russel was able get the rebound and score. A couple of minutes later the duo of Logan Reid and Casey-Russel passing back and forth to bring the puck forward in Parry Sound's zone, Casey-Russel took a shot and Carson Jones was on top of his game, out front grabbing the rebound and scoring his first goal of the season. Parry Sound was proved to be a tough team and ultimately won with a score of 8-2.

By Chris McMartin

Atoms

On Saturday the GJ Burtch Atoms hosted the Canadian Tire Bancroft Jets at the Keith Tallman arena in Wilberforce. Then they went to Bancroft Sunday in a home and home exhibition series. What the Storm gave up in size they took right back in work ethic and determination.

Eric Mueller set up Isaac Borgdorff for a one timer to tie the game at one halfway through the first. After Bancroft got two quick goals in the third Mueller answered with a goal of his own. This time it was Tavia Harris's work in her own end that earned her and Maxime Little the assists. Despite their effort the Storm lost 4-2. Sunday the Storm

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Chili Dinner

When: Nov. 3, sittings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Where: Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Rd.
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Where: Gooderham United Church, Hwy 503, Gooderham
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When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
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When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
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No cover charge

Mistletoe Magic

When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Community Centre
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When: Saturday, Nov. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.
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MINOR HOCKEY

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again kept the Jets in their own end a lot. Goals scored by Brody Hartwig assisted by Olivia Gruppe and Sadie Evans-Fockler and a second goal by Eric Mueller unassisted. The Storm however could not seem to stop one kid from Bancroft, losing this game as well 4-2. For the fans, Sunday's game went to a shootout regardless of the score. The Storm would win the shootout 2-1. Goals were scored by Jacob Davis and Benton Lloyd. Jacob Lloyd made some thrilling saves as he stopped 12 of 13 shooters from Bancroft. Saturday the Storm hosts South Muskoka in Minden at 1 p.m. and plays Parry Sound in Bracebridge at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

By Jamie Lloyd

Atom A

This past weekend the Ridgewood Ford and Castle Cottage County Building Supplies Atom A team took to their home rinks hosting the annual Matt Duchene Tournament. The Storm opened up the tournament with an early start applying consistent pressure leading to a 3-0 win over the visiting North Bay Trappers. Goals by Josh Scheffee (2) and Jace Mills assisted by Deagan Davison and Parker Simms.

The Atoms hit the ice again at noon versus the Ennismore Eagles. A goal by Deagan Davison assisted by Brady Burtch got the Storm on the board however the momentum shifted in favour of the Eagles proving difficult to come back from. This game featured some incredible goaltending from young Chase Winder holding the score to a 2-1 final in favour of the Eagles.

The Storm faced the Sturgeon Thunder team for their third game of the day and back in winning form goals from Caleb Manning, Jace Mills assisted by Brady Burtch and another pair from Josh Scheffee assisted by Jace Mills and Austin Latanville. With no goals coming from Sturgeon Lake, a 4-0 finish left the Storm ready to head to the semifinals in the morning.

Game 4 of the tournament was against the Lindsay Muskies. The Muskies opened scoring halfway through the first period. McClean Rowden answered back with a goal assisted by Austin Latanville and Brady Burtch. Chase Winder stood on his head stopping a multitude of shots along the ice. Josh Scheffee would go on to score his first of the game assisted by Toby Posti putting the Storm ahead by one, only to get tied up heading in the third. The Muskies took the lead in the third however with only 24 seconds remaining the game Jace Mills found the back of the net. Into overtime with only 33 seconds to go in three-on-three play Josh Scheffee got a beautiful stretch pass from Evan Jones 100 feet away putting it short side stunning the Muskies goalie.

The final game saw the Storm struggle to repeat the performance yet putting in a solid 35 minutes of play only being able to score once by Austin Latanville on the tournament champion South Muskoka Bears ending in a score of 3-1. A solid coaching effort led our Atom A's to their strongest showing of the season so far and we commend them for their dedication to the hockey team.

Up next please come out and watch on Friday night as the Atom team takes on the Sturgeon Thunder at 6:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

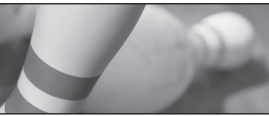
By Pasi Posti

Peewee girls Jets

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls Jets took on the Peterborough Ice Kats on home ice. First period ended 0-0. A goal scored by Sydney Fergusson, assisted by Lara Gallant, brought the end of the second period to a 1-1 tie. The third period brought lots of battles for the puck, and some good plays from the Jets, but the Ice Kats came back for a 4-1 win.

The peewee girls Jets will be in North Bay Nov. 2 to 4 playing in the 20th Annual North Bay Ice Boltz Tournament.

The peewee Jets are back in Bancroft Saturday Nov. 10 at 3:30 p.m. to take on the Peterborough Ice Kats.



Bowling Scores

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Skylar Pratt 241
Kim Buie 199
Casey Heley 185
Sarah Hudson 151
Melinda Nesbit 140
Ross Anderson 135

Monday afternoon, Oct. 22

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Women - Chris Cote - 176
Men - Gary Hunt - 197
This Week's Highs - Women
High Single - Clara Vuksic - 232
High Triple - Clara Vuksic - 517
High Single Hcp - June Fortune - 283
High Triple Hcp - June Fortune - 696
This Week's Highs - Men
High Single - Marty Schuster & John Whitty - 230
High Triple - Ken Thompson - 611
High Single Hcp - Marty Schuster - 276
High Triple Hcp - Marty Schuster - 720

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Oct. 23

Men
High Average Claude Cote 194
High Single Dave Tipton 289
High Single H/C Dave Tipton 321
High Triple Claude Cote 662
High Triple H/C Claude Cote 746

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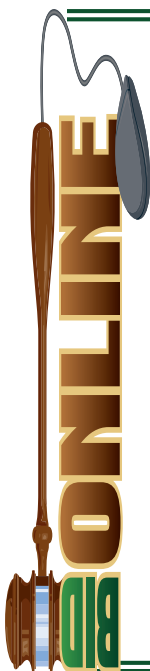
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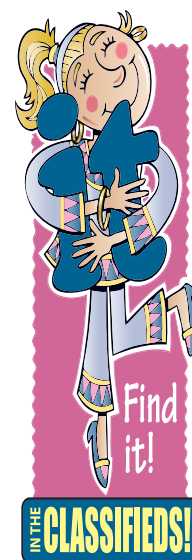


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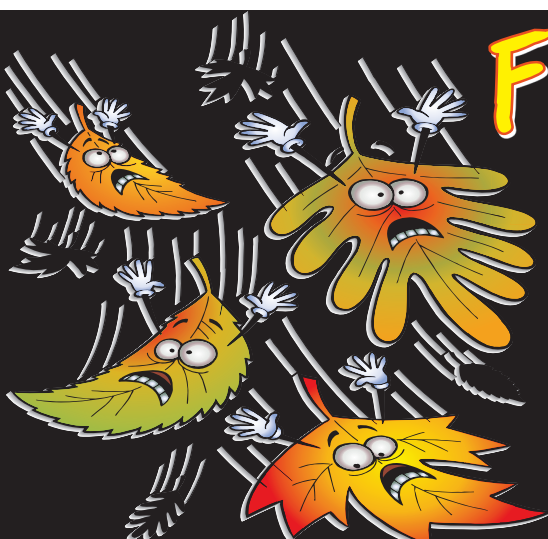
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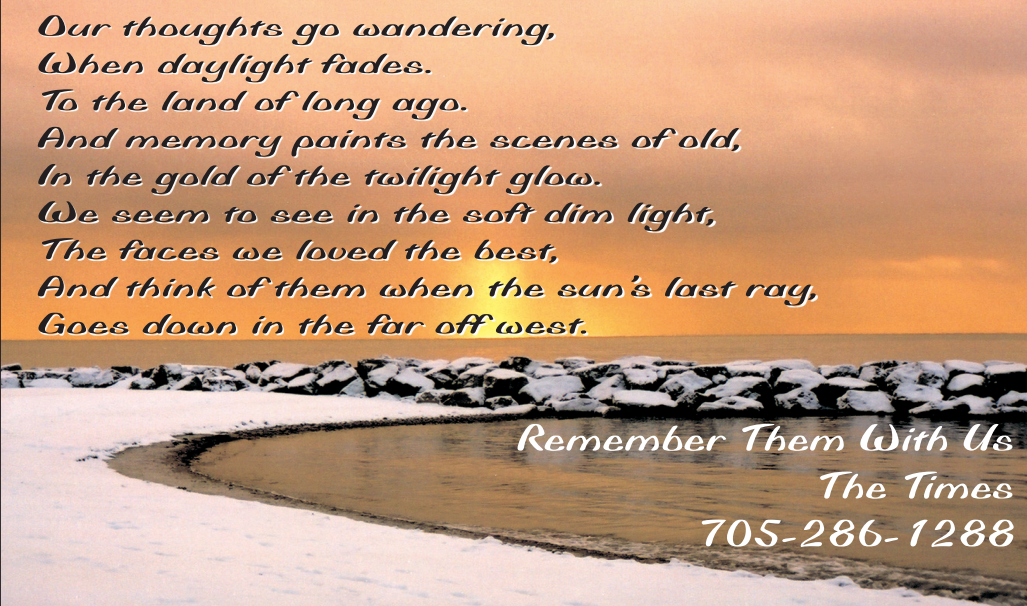

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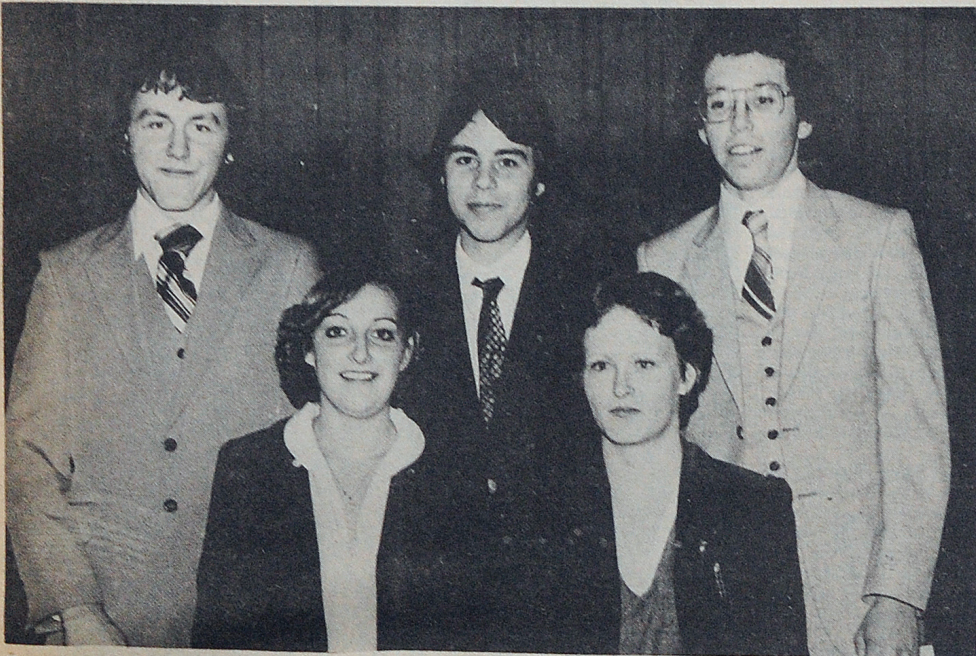
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Log library is approved by council

In a dramatic move last week, the Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council has approved the purchase of a log structure for the community's new library-cultural centre. The initial approval came at the October 22 meeting with final approval being made at a meeting with the library committee last Friday.

The estimated cost for the new building has been set at \$55,000, although according to the municipality's clerk-treasurer, this figure has not been finalized.

The bid accepted by the council was offered by 1867 Confederation Log Homes, a company owned by Ronald Wrightman of Minden.

Members of the council appeared to have been swayed to the log construction because of the unique design and that interior finishing of walls would not be required.

The selection of the log design caused one spectator in the audience Wednesday evening to question the decision of the council. She noted that the specifications for the new library had called for a decorative block structure and that if the council intended to change to a log design, it should make an effort to contact other log building contractors in the community to see if they were willing to bid on the project.

Other tenders opened at the Wednesday meeting were based on the block design. Elstone Construction of Haliburton bid \$29,442; Don Campbell Construction of Minden bid \$31,061; Peterborough Lumber of Minden bid \$39,721; and the initial bid from 1867 Confederation Log Homes was \$48,487. (This bid was later revised upward, although no firm figure has been set, to meet a number of changes requested by the committee.)

The meeting was told that all bids represented the cost for a shell of a building and that interior finishing, including electrical and plumbing work would be in addition to the bids received. The municipality has already spent \$26,000 for the cement pad on which the building will sit and a second pad for the present library.

In response to the suggestion that other log builders in the county should be contacted before the contract is let, Reeve Sinc Nesbitt said they had been notified earlier in the day that the municipality was considering a log structure for the new building.

The builder suggested that since his construction methods are unique, using machine made dovetail corners and tongue and groove fittings between each log, the municipality was under no obligation to invite other log builders to bid. "The design of our buildings is unique in Canada. There is nobody else who can build a structure like we can," he commented, indicating that this fact relieved the municipality of having to seek other bids. He said this same situation had arisen in Coe Hill and the municipality's lawyer had backed that stand.

Councillor Len Lonsberry pointed out to the meeting that the original library concept had called for a building costing approximately \$90,000. He said that with the log structure, the cost of the building could exceed \$100,000.

Councillor Stuart Brandon credited Wrightman with taking the initiative to bring his proposal to the council. He indicated that if the other log builders in the area had done the same their designs might have been considered as well.

A advertisement inviting tenders on the project was published in this newspaper a number of weeks ago. Without indicating the style or type of construction, the ad invited contractors to obtain a copy of the specifications for the new building at the township offices. The specifications called for a decorative block building.

The council went into a closed session for about three quarters of an hour during which Wrightman was included in part of the secret discussions.

When the open meeting began again the council announced that no decision had been taken, but later in the meeting the bid of 1867 was accepted, subject to the approval of the library committee.

OPP caution

The OPP wish to remind motorists and pedestrians to use extreme caution this Friday evening during Hallowe'en.

The frost and early snow that we have had lately has made driving quite slippery.

Many streets have leaves on them and when wet the leaves are as slippery as ice when a motorist applies the brakes.

The time change this past week will make it darker earlier and children out trick

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Cottagers to study report

The Horseshoe Lake Cottagers Association has been asked to study a report on the causeway to Shuyler's Island before any further action is taken by Minden council to increase the size or number of culverts under the road. The report, prepared by Totten, Sims and Hubicki for the township, found that there would be no benefit to the quality of water in the back bay portion of the lake if the extra culverts were installed.

The matter came up for

discussion at the October 22 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council.

The report by the engineers had been prompted by a request earlier this summer from lake association members that the size of culverts and their number be increased in the causeway. The association spokesman claimed the causeway had reduced the circulation of water in the back bay area causing the water quality to

deteriorate. He pointed out that a scum had formed on that part of the lake during the summer. The association felt that increasing the opportunity for lake water to circulate under the causeway, which links the mainland with Shuyler's Island, would help to reduce the deterioration of water quality.

Gord Crosby, an engineer with the consulting firm, told the meeting that a hydrological engineer had assessed the problem and determined that

the velocity of water through the lake was so low that little or no "flushing action" took place. He said the flow through the lake was so slow that there was no way to calculate the benefits of increasing the openings on the causeway.

The engineer said that the movement of the water is affected more by winds than any other factor.

A representative of the lake association, G. Lucas, noted that Duck Creek flows into the area where the water has been stagnating. He wondered if this input of water would not help to create a current strong enough to "flush" the bay, if there were enough openings under the causeway.

The engineer commented that there is some movement of water in the area now, but not enough to create a flushing action.

In turning the report over to the lake association for comment, Reeve Sinc Nesbitt noted the problems which the township encountered when the causeway was constructed. He pointed out that the soil at the bottom of the lake was unstable and that disturbing the road which is now in place could result in serious problems. He also pointed out that the request of the lake association for a larger opening in the causeway will probably make little difference since the back bay area covers 500 acres.

Nesbitt also noted that it was doubtful the Ministry of Transportation and Com-

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Sewers, industry lead voters list of concerns

The municipally owned sewer and water systems, industrial development, access to lakes and rivers, the possibility of incorporating a ward system into the municipal election structure topped the list of concerns expressed by some 80 people on hand for the meet the candidates night Tuesday at the Minden Community Centre.

The audience was on hand to hear what the five candidates for the three vacant seats at the council table and the two candidates for reeve in the municipality planned for the future of this municipality. The questions, which followed short introductory remarks from the candidates in the riding, reflected the major concerns of those present.

The chairman for the evening was Jim Garbutt. Certainly heading the list of

questions, most of which were aimed at incumbent candidates, were a number of concerns about the sewer and water systems in the village.

The inquiries on the new services started by asking for clarification as to how the municipality was able to acquire a deficit in the water system of close to \$35,000.00. Councillor Lyle McKnight told the audience that the deficit in the water system had grown over a number of years. He said the water rates had not been increased in the community since 1978 and that a surplus which existed in the system prior to that time was eaten up by the increasing costs.

He also stated that a large portion of the deficit came from interest charges on money borrowed to install the water tower and extend the water lines.

A question asked why

residents were required to pay user fees even if their home or residence was not hooked into the sewer system and, when they did apply for the connection they were required to pay a \$10.00 fee for the application. McKnight said this was to help defray the cost of the time needed by the various municipal officials who must process the application. It was also pointed out the everyone in the municipality was responsible for the cost of operating the sewer system and if the pipes passed in front of their home or business, they should be required to shoulder a portion of the burden.

McKnight, responding to another question, admitted the council was not aware of the growing deficit in the water system. He said the

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- 5 bdrms, 3 baths, open vaulted living space
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Beech Lake \$375,000

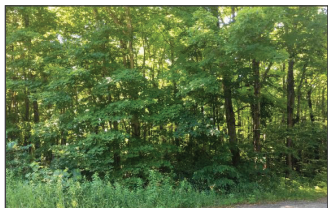
- Turn key 720 s.f. cottage on Beech Lk
- 3 bedrooms with many upgrades
- Flat .78A lot with sand beach



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Minden Bungalow \$449,900

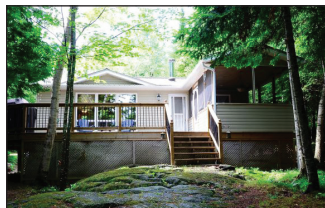
- Renovated Lower level In-law suite
- Landscaped, Hot Tub, Private Dead-end Rd
- Access to Minden Lake Close By



Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

Guilford Building Lot \$49,000

- Level, Lots of Trees, 10 Mins To Haliburton
- Walk To Village, Driveway will Be In
- 163' On Guilford Crt & 188' On Cnty Rd 6



Mark Denny*
457-0473

Tamarack Lk Ctg \$434,900

- Aprx 104 Ft Frtg, 0.7 Acres, 878 Sq Ft
- 3 Bdm, 4 pc Bath, Bunkie
- Screened-in Porch, Close proximity to GTA



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Minden Live Bait & Tackle

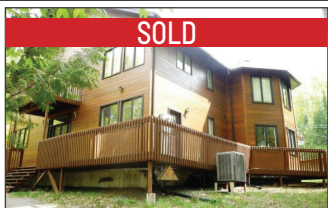
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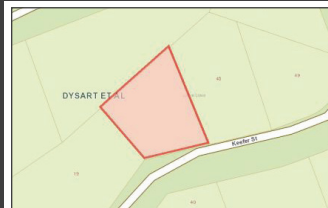
- 9 Acre Residential Lot - Minden
- Backs onto Blairhampton Golf Course
- Year-Round Access, Driveway in, Hydro to lot



Fred Heinzler*
768-5825

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- Commercial waterfront
- Wheelchair accessible ramps
- Town sewers, drilled well



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- Lovely lot in quality neighbourhood
- Walking distance to downtown Haliburton
- Utilities are at the lot line and ready to go



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- Wonderful home in the heart of the village
- Easy walking distance to shopping, park and schools
- Rare, large private lot, approx. 1/2 acre



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NEW Minden Home \$339,900

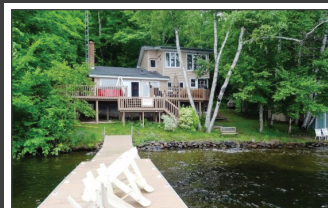
- 1150 sf, 2 bedroom semi-detached bungalow
- Low Maintenance Lot



David Lee*
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Bob Lake \$412,900

- Open concept, 3 bedroom cottage
- Awesome view, private setting



Brandon Nimigon*
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- Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath 4 season cottage
- Sand shoreline, majestic lake views & lots of sun
- Many recent updates throughout



Karen Nimigon**
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Kashagawigamog Lake \$74,900

- Fractional Ownership, 4 Season, 3 Bedrooms
- Fixed week, 2nd week of July, & 4 rotating weeks
- On our premier 5 lake chain, 45+ miles of boating!



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- Beautifully renovated raised bungalow
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- Walk into town for all amenities!



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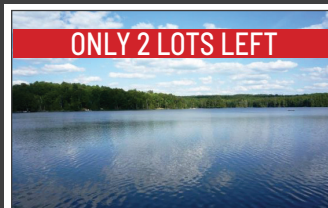
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